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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN NEWS ROUNDUP-WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8.

ALL AUSTRALIAN PAPERS TODAY CARRIED REPORTS OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AGNEW. SNEDDON CALL TO FORM A UNITED PARTY AGAINST LABOR FRONT PAGED IN MANY PAPERS. COMMENT CONTINUED ON LEE-WHITLAM AND HEATH-WHITLAM CLASHES AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

(1) THE AUSTRALIAN BANNER HEAD SAID: "AGNEW FACES INQUIRY ON BRIBERY AND CONSPIRACY. CONTRACT AWARDS WHILE GOVERNOR INVESTIGATED." REPORT BY COHEN AND BERNSTEIN DATED LINED WASHINGTON SIMILAR TO STRAIGHT REPORTS IN OTHER PAPERS.

(2) AGE HEADLINES TODAY "LIBERAL LEADER WANTS ONE PARTY AGAINST SOCIALISM. SNEDDON: UNITE LIBS COUNTRY PARTY, DLP. BUT ANTHONY REJECTS MERGER IDEA." SPEAKING TO LIBERAL FEDERAL COUNCIL SNEDDON SAID "I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SINGLE AMALGAMATED PARTY OF PEOPLE THINKING AS WE DO TO REJECT SOCIALISM" WHILE REJECTING THE PROPOSAL, CP LEADER ANTHONY SAID STATEMENT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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A WELCOME FURTHER INDICATION OF A DESIRE TO ACHIEVE

MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST THE SOCIALIST LABOR GOVERNMENT.

(3) AGE FRONTPAGED BARNES REPORT HEADED "HEATH CLASHES WITH WHITLAM." BARNES SAID WHITLAM WON SUPPORT OF MANY COMMONWEALTH LEADERS WITH ATTACK ON MULTI-NATIONALS BUT HEATH IMPLIED WHITLAM WAS CRYING POOR MOUTH AND SAID AUSTRALIA HAD RECEIVED BENEFITS FROM OPERATIONS OF THE CORPORATIONS.

(4) CANBERRA TIMES FRONTPAGED REPORT FROM DAVID SOLOMON HEADED "WHITLAM AVOIDS FIGHT WITH BRITISH P.M." HE SAID HEATH'S CRITICISM OF WHITLAM'S ECONOMIC NATIONALISM AND MINERALS CARTEL POLICY CAUGHT WHITLAM FLAT FOOTED.

(5) COMMENTING IN MELBOURNE AGE CREIGHTON BURNS IN ARTICLE HEADED "LESSONS FOR P.M. IN LEE'S ATTACK" SAID LEE MAY HAVE PUT INTO WORDS APPREHENSIONS SHARED BY OTHER ASIAN LEADERS ABOUT AUSTRALIA. ASEAN LEADERS REMAIN UN-CONVINCED, BURNS SAID, THAT WHITLAM'S PROMOTION OF REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WAS NOT TRYING TO SWAMP OR OVERWHELM THEM. HE SAID SUBTRACTION OF AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE AID WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE LEFT WHITLAM WIDE OPEN FOR CRITICISM.

(6) DAILYTELEGRAPH CARRIED PAGE 12 SINGLE COLUMN CONJECTURAL REPORT SAYING "AUSTRALIA IS LIKELY TO ALLOW CUBA TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR AND TRADE MISSION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR". IT CONTINUED "THE ONLY OPPOSITION HAS COME FROM WASHINGTON WHICH IS SAID TO BE 'NOT HAPPY' WITH THE SUGGESTION."

(7) CANBERRA TIMES REPORTED APPOINTMENT OF NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA AS MR. KENZO YOSHIDA, DIRECTOR OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU.

(8) AMCHAM SURVEY RECEIVED WIDE CONVERAGE IN FINANCIAL SECTIONS OF TODAYS PAPERS. SURVEY REVEALED LOCALS RUN 90 PERCENT OF U.S. FIRMS IN AUSTRALIA AND THAT 80 PERCENT OF SUBSIDIARIES PLAN PRODUCTION INDEPENDENTLY OF PARENT COMPANIES.

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(9) SYDNEY MORNING HERALD EDIT SAYS WHITLAM'S ADDRESS ON TRADE, TARIFFS AND MONETARY MATTERS LEFT HIS FELLOW HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN NO DOUBT THAT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT HAS MEANT A REAL CHANGE IN POLICIES AND ATTITUDES. EDIT ADDS P.M.'S CONCERN WITH MULTI-NATIONALS AND A RATHER STRANGE ATTEMPT TO SUGGEST THAT AUSTRALIA WAS IN SOME WAY UNDER-DEVELOPED WAS QUESTIONABLE BUT OTHER POLICIES HE OUTLINED WOULD PUT HIM ON A STRONG FOOTING IN ANY INTERNATIONAL

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